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TAGS: PFOR, SF, IV

SUBJECT: LAIRD PRESS CONFERENCE: REPORT OF REVISION OF US  
ARMS EMBARGO POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA

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1. PURPOSE OF ADVISING POSTS ON PRESS GUIDANCE WAS TO MAKE INFO AVAILABLE FOR POST'S USE IN THEIR DISCRETION.

2. RE EASUM-DAVIS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE AND SWORN IN APRIL 2. WE BELIEVE THAT THOUGH NEWS MEDIA MAY USE STORIES FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAKE POINTS, DEPT WOULD PREFER NOT TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. AS THE EMBASSY AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT EXERCISE CONTROL OVER CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL. CONGRESSMEN TRAVELLED PRIVATELY TO SOUTH AFRICA AS OSTENSIBLE GUESTS OF A SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO IS PROBABLY RPT PROBABLY FRONT FOR SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION. THE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERED BRIEFINGS, BUT DID NOT OTHERWISE ASSIST TRAVELLERS. THE CONGRESSMEN DID NOT, OF COURSE, REPRESENT THE ADMINISTRATION. KISSINGER

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